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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Michael Tari, et al.

Serial No.: **10/014,864**

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: 12/11/2001

Group Art Unit: Unknown

For: Method and System for Requesting Prices for
Electronic Trading of Financial Investments

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Address to:

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

I, Susan Hinko, declare as follows:

On or about March 25, 2002, I sent via certified mail, a copy of the above-identified application, along with a corresponding declaration, via certified mail, to Mr. Michael Tari at his last know address of 431 West 44th Street, Apt. 3, New York, NY 10036.

On or about March 25, 2002, I sent via certified mail, a copy of the above-identified application, along with a corresponding declaration, via certified mail, to Mr. Christopher Dias at his last known address of 138 Overlook Terrace, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.

On or about March 25, 2002, I sent via certified mail, a copy of the above-identified application, along with a corresponding declaration, via certified mail, to Mr. Darius Gagne at his last know address of 10358 Mississippi Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

On or about March 25, 2002, I sent via certified mail, a copy of the above-identified application, along with a corresponding declaration, via certified mail, to Mr. Michiya Handa at his last known address of 121 East 12th Street, Apt. 3C, New York, NY 10003.

The certified mail packages for Mr. Dias and Mr. Handa were signed for and delivered. Copies of the signed certified mail cards are attached as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

The certified mail packages for Mr. Tari and Mr. Gagne were returned. Copies of the certified mail envelopes are attached as Exhibits C and D, respectively.

On or about the end of May 2002, I telephoned Mr. Tari at his home number concerning the application. He acknowledged receiving the express mail notification but had not picked up the documents. I offered to send them again via another means at which point Mr. Tari informed me that he was not available to discuss this matter.

On April 23, 2002, Mr. Gagne requested that I forward the application to him via regular mail. A copy of Mr. Gagne's instructions are attached as Exhibit E.

On April 24, 2002, a second copy of the application and corresponding declaration were forwarded to Mr. Gagne via regular mail at his request. A copy of that letter is attached as Exhibit F.

On April 23, 2002, I sent an electronic communication to Mr. Handa asking him if I could send the documents to a different location for his convenience. Mr. Handa picked up his package on April 24, 2002 and did not respond to my communication. A copy of that communication is attached as Exhibit G.

As of the date below, we have not received the executed papers from Messrs. Tari, Dias, Gagne or Handa.

I acknowledge a duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 1.56(a).

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated August 21, 2002.


Susan Hinko
Susan Hinko



Exhibit A
Certified Mail Signature for Mr. Dias



Exhibit B
Certified Mail Signature for Mr. Handa

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Exhibit C
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1. Article Addressed to:

Michael J. Tari
431 West 44th St. #3
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor, if only one name is listed below, or an original, first and joint inventor, if plural names are listed below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REQUESTING PRICES FOR
ELECTRONIC TRADING OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

and for which a patent application:

- is attached hereto (and includes amendment(s) filed on _____ (if applicable)
- was filed in the United States on December 11, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/014,864, with amendment(s) filed on _____ (if applicable)
- was filed as PCT International Application No. _____ on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or (f) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application on this invention filed by me or my legal representatives or assignees and having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION			
APPLICATION NUMBER	COUNTRY	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE
60/254,680	DECEMBER 11, 2000

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Daniel A. Devito (32,125), Edward V. Filardi (25,757), David W. Hansen (38,910), Constance S. Huttner (35,903), Ronald S. Laurie (25,431), Robert B. Smith (28,538), Robert B. Beyers (46,552), Meir Y. Blonder (40,517), Ian R. Blum (42,336), John L. Dauer, Jr. (39,953), Jose Esteves (41,011), Michael D. Fabiano (44,675), Stacey J. Farmer (42,526), Di Jiang-Schuerger (44,806), Frederick D. Kim (38,513), Thomas R. Lane (42,718), Daniel J. Lin (47,750), Douglas R. Nemec (41,219), Guy Perry (46,194), Constance F. Ramos (47,883), Andrew F. Strobert (35,375), Todd J. Tiberi (37,455), Joseph Yang (41,387), and Matthew B. Zisk (45,257), all of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, whose address is Four Times Square, New York, NY 10036.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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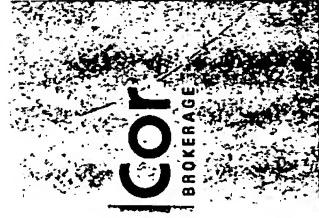




Exhibit D
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2. Article Number

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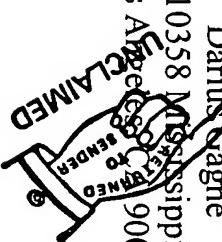
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Exhibit E
Correspondence from Mr. Gagne

Hinko, Susan

From: Gagne, Darius [Darius.Gagne@pimco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2002 6:44 PM
To: Hinko, Susan
Subject: RE: Patent Assignment

great to hear from you!

Like I told Joe, I never received anything (apart from the regular mail items). Is this regarding that slip I got under my door for me to go to the post office -- there's something apparently waiting for me there? If so, pls just send it regular mail to my house...everything else reaches me fine (and more successfully) that way.

I'll call to chat some time soon. D.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hinko, Susan [mailto:Susan.Hinko@ICorBroker.Com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2002 3:21 PM
To: Gagne, Darius
Subject: Patent Assignment

Dear Darius: I hear from Mitch and Ben that you are enjoying California and have a lovely new home so I guess the move was the right decision for you. And I hear Oscar is thriving as well. You wouldn't believe the place these days - I don't even know everyone that works here anymore! But the system is actually rolled out and working in Asia. Very exciting news about Mitch going to Japan- I hope he will enjoy his time there. I am writing to follow up on a letter we sent registered mail regarding assignment of the RFP patent. I know it may be a hassle for you to pick it up so if you would prefer, I could Fed Ex it to you at work. Let me know what would be convenient for you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me or Jeff a call.

Thanks for your help with this.

Regards,
Susan

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Exhibit F

Copy of April 24, 2002 Letter to Mr. Gagne
Enclosing Application and Corresponding Declaration

ICor Brokerage Inc.
500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 320
New York, NY 10110



April 24, 2002

Darius Gagne
10358 Mississippi Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Dear Darius:

As we have moved ahead with the deployment of the ICor system, we have decided to pursue certain of the patent filings that we had made a while back. One of these is the RFP patent on which you were listed as an inventor.

In order to proceed with the patent, as with the other patents we pursued with which you were involved, it is necessary for the inventors to assign the patent to ICor Brokerage Inc. I am enclosing two documents for your signature to complete the assignment. This is actually a procedural formality since, under your employment agreement, ICor does retain the invention – in this case of the RFP feature – for its own use. However, the assignment does preserve your status as an inventor.

I know that working on the development of the system was a very exciting process for all of us, and your contribution was important. As an inventor, even after assignment, you will be able to discuss this achievement in your professional pursuits, as well as note it on your resume.

I would appreciate it if you could sign the documents where indicated and return them in the envelope provided. You can have a witness sign where indicated or I can sign it when it's returned. I will give you a call to discuss any questions you may have in the meantime. I hope that you are well and enjoying your current activities. I look forward to speaking with you soon, and I appreciate your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Larsen".

Jeff Larsen

Exhibit G
Copy of April 23, 2002 Electronic
Communication to Mr. Handa

Hinko, Susan

From: Hinko, Susan
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2002 6:39 PM
To: 'mitchhanda@hotmail.com'
Subject: Living La Vida Loca

So how do you like it? I hope you are getting used to things in your native land and enjoying it. We saw Ben recently and he looks great. Jeff had sent you a certified mail to get your signature for the assignment of the RFP patent, but I know you weren't there to pick it up. So I wondered if I could resend it to Tokyo or even fax it to you. Or will you be back soon to pick it up in NY?

Please let me know what I should do with the info so you actually get it.

I was in Berlin last week at the ISDA AGM and saw Yasuko. I guess she will be back in Tokyo later this week.
Let me know how things are going and when you'll be in NY again.

Regards,
Susan

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